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Sir:

In response to an Office Action dated November 22, 2006, please amend the subject patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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